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Around the Block e-News



Valentine Whitman House Ready for New Owners Lincoln, RI

With a formal ribbon cutting on August 10th Preserve RI celebrated the completion of a major rehabilitation of the Valentine Whitman Jr. house. This historic stone-ender has stood proudly on Great Road in Lincoln for well over three centuries. We are thrilled to have preserved this treasure for new owners to enjoy in the centuries ahead.

Your opportunity to own a piece of Rhode Island History.

Our nearly \$600 thousand basement-to-rooftop rehabilitation carefully preserved the historic features of the structure. (An easement monitored by Preserve RI protects the historic integrity of the house in perpetuity.) With its new cedar-shingle roof and siding, updated windows, central heating and air conditioning, new, contemporary kitchen and baths, this 300+ year old

home is surprisingly comfortable and roomy. Set back on over an acre of land, your dream home will take you back in time while providing all the convenience's of today's living.

The Valentine Whitman House is listed with Residential Properties.

[View Listing](#)

Romancing the Stone Ender

As part of the Valentine Whitman Project, we undertook a new study of this 17th century building style that is virtually unique to our state. The Stone-Ender gets its name from the massive chimney that formed one end wall of the house.

Here are some things we discovered:

- Previously there were thought to be just nine Stone-Enders left in Rhode Island. Our research found at least fourteen still standing in some form in the state.
- It turns out that only a single Stone-Ender remains in nearby Massachusetts - the rest are all in Rhode Island!
- One theory as to why so many Stone Enders were built here is Rhode Island's ample supply of the limestone for mortar, ideal for constructing massive chimneys.

[Read the Report](#)



Hurry! Rhody Award Tickets Moving Fast

Buy your tickets today to this year's Rhody Awards before they sell out. This year's event will be held at Ochre Court in Newport on Sunday, October 23rd from 4 to 7PM.

Join us to celebrate the best in historic preservation across our state!



Zoom in to Learn about the Aquidneck Stone Wall Program.

An enormous thank you to the volunteers who restored 120 linear feet of historic walls back to its original beauty this summer at Glen Farm in Middletown. This ongoing project of Preserve RI and The Preservation Society of Newport County is making real strides in restoring the stone walls that are such a hallmark of the roadsides on Aquidneck Island.

Missed your chance to volunteer this summer? Just hearing about the stone wall program? Want to learn more?

Zoom in for an info session on Tuesday, September 6th at 5:30PM. Meet our stonemason, pose questions to former volunteers and get details about the fall work program at Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown.

The fall program will begin with training sessions on Wednesday, September 14th, and Friday, September 16th. From there, work sessions will run Wednesday through Friday from September 21st to November 4th.

To register for the September 6th Zoom meeting, email Emma Sheridan at esheridan@preserveri.org



Two great ways to enjoy the Lippitt House Museum in Providence.

Experience Lippitt House Museum — inside and out — this summer.

Outside: Tickets are still available for the Sunday, **August 21** Concert in the Lippitt House Garden. **Becky Bass** will perform her own version of Caribbean Soul with her steel pan drum from 4 – 5 PM. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show, and FREE for guests 12 and under. Part of the Hunter Family Music Series.

Inside: On Saturday morning, **September 17th**, the first floor of Lippitt House will be open for visitors to explore at their own pace — FREE. It's a special Open House for Museum Day, the nation-wide event organized by *Smithsonian* magazine. Advance registration is required for this popular annual event. Don't miss out: reserve your free ticket(s) at LippittHouse.org.



Revive the Roots Buys the Historic Mary Mowry House

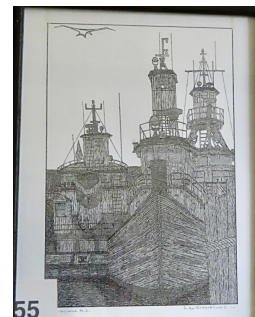
Smithfield, Rhode Island, August 16th, 2022— After a 10 month campaign to secure funding for the purchase of the Mary Mowry house and surrounding 5 acre property from the Smithfield Land Trust, Revive the Roots has succeeded in buying the historic Mary Mowry House and 5 acre property.

Challenged to raise the \$415 thousand in November 2021, Revive the Roots raised almost \$100,000 dollars in direct donations and secured grant funding from The Champlin Foundation, The June Rockwell Levy Foundation and The 1772 Foundation. These funds along with a loan provided by the Rhode Island Foundation made it possible for the nonprofit to make the Mary Mowry House its permanent home.

With portions of the house built in the 1750s and 1850, the house is now protected by a preservation easement held by Preserve Rhode Island. Starting in 2013, with backing by Preserve Rhode Island and the Smithfield Land Trust, Revive the Roots rehabilitated the property, completing a list of repairs and restorations to the house. This included exterior painting, refinishing of original windows, interior paint and plaster repair and the rebuilding of the 1850 era porch.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

FEATURED



ART SALE: the Leonard Ianacone Collection “SPACES AND PLACES IN RHODE ISLAND”

The East Providence Historical Society presents two sales of its Len Ianacone collection, a life's worth of drawings, oils, and prints of Rhode Island and East Providence. The sales will support the East Providence Historical Society, The East Providence Libraries and The EP Arts Council.

SALE #1 : Sunday, September 11: 1-4pm John Hunt Museum -65 Hunt's Mill's Rd - 02916

SALE #2 : Saturday, October 1: 12 - 4pm Weaver Library - Grove Ave - 02914

To preview the catalogue of over 65 pieces visit ephist.org.

Local News

Little Compton

August 10: [The Art of Making Garden Rooms - The New York Times](#)

Providence

August 11: ['Traumatic': How Route 195 uprooted the Cape Verdean community in Providence's Fox Point](#)

August 15: [Rent stabilization in Providence? Mayoral candidate debuts plan to stabilize housing access](#)

August 19:

Newport

August 4: [Hunter House In Newport Opening To Public For 1st Time In Over 2 Years](#)

August 10: [Norman Bird Sanctuary unveils inaugural Conservation](#)

August 15: [Newport Restoration Foundation announces 16th Annual Doris Duke Historic Preservation Award honorees](#)

August 19: [This Middletown landmark was just added to the National Register of Historic Places](#)

Westerly

August 13: [Avondale Chapel celebrates 175 years](#)

Wickford

August 16: [Home, Home on the Cove: Wickford's Cedar Point Listed in National Register of Historic Places | Wakefield Historic District Also Expanded](#)

State Wide

Updated regularly: [Rhode Island Midterm Election 2022](#)

August 17: [Rhode Island is the #4 state with the least land owned by the federal government](#)

August 10: [The Art of Making Garden Rooms](#)

Around the Country

July 26: [American Express Is Granting \\$1 Million To Back Historic Small Restaurants](#)

August 1: [A historical perspective: The past can't infringe on the future](#)

August 4: [Historic Berkeley show palace could rise as a 15-story apartment building](#)

August 12: [Student Housing Project Preserves Historic Berkeley Theatre](#)

August 12: [Museums And Indigenous Tribes Receive \\$2M Grant To Boost Repatriation Efforts](#)

August 10: [Nine Tribes Gain Grants To Help Repatriate Ancestral Remains And Cultural Items](#)

August 15: [Northeastern farmers face new challenges amid droughts, flooding](#)

International News

July 24: [How Historic Sites Have Become Battlegrounds Around the World](#)

August 5: [Floods In Historic Iranian City Fuel Concerns Over World-Renowned Monuments](#)

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